

New Mexico – Congressman Harry Teague announced today that the Zuni Pueblo has been awarded a grant through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Indian Housing Block Grant Program. The grant, a total of \$3,201,495 in federal funds, will assist the Zuni Housing Authority as they work to provide and ensure affordable housing for residents in the communities of New Mexico's Pueblo of Zuni.

"This is an important investment in the pueblo of Zuni," Harry Teague said. "This funding will create much needed jobs in the area, constructing and rehabilitating homes throughout the community."

The Zuni Housing Authority was approved to receive the grant under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996. The Indian Housing Block Grant Program, an important gateway of funds for Native American communities, serves to expand the opportunities available to low-income Native American families by working to end homelessness and overcrowding on reservations, enforcing fair-housing regulations, and encouraging homeownership. Funds can be put towards acquiring, managing and providing housing that is affordable to members of the community, including: modernization, rehabilitation, acquisition, or new construction of housing projects; management of low-income housing; or assistance in operating housing facilities.

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